



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Chief Administrative Officer  
Director of Animal Care and Control

At its meeting held April 19, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“There is growing alarm over the increased number of dog attacks throughout the County, particularly in the Antelope Valley. Both humans and domestic animals are the victims of these vicious attacks. There have been five known attacks in Antelope Valley in the past two months. One of the most severe attacks was caused by a pit bull mauling a woman in Quartz Hill. The surgeon who repaired this woman’s badly damaged arm stated he had never seen such injuries caused by dog mauling in his 20 years of practice.

“Past incidents have found irresponsible dog ownership in allowing dogs to roam loose, not maintaining secure fencing and failing to control, supervise and properly train their animals. It is incumbent that we make communities and neighborhoods safe and healthy for everyone. We need to explore ways, including added enforcement and public awareness, to prevent future tragedies and minimize public risk.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board directed the Director of Animal Care and Control to work in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer and report back to the Board within three weeks with recommendations on ways to lessen or mitigate the severe dog attacks in the Antelope Valley.

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